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14. [] 7. In discussions of the [] surfacing with Dr. BRUECKNER the latter voiced the opinion that the VFP was not the most appropriate agency to use for that purpose, and that the press reaction would have been effective if the sponsoring organization had been an official German agency. He also added that he had spoken to a journalist who attended the press conference, and whom he considered to be a most objective person. It was the latter's expressed opinion that, although [] handled himself reasonably well at the conference, the fact of VFP sponsorship and the manner in which he was introduced by Fritz CHAMER of the VFP was so distasteful to the journalists that KGB was put at somewhat of a disadvantage before he ever began speaking. (COMINT: The SG's Ewald PETERG also attended the press conference.) He then asked Dr. BRUECKNER for his views as to how such a press conference could best be arranged. He expressed the belief that this would most appropriately be accomplished by the GMI and suggested that the latter after clearing up the legal aspects of the case could most likely be induced to make a very brief press release describing the defector and stating that he had investigated the case and determined that the individual was not punishable or that section 154-C of the Code of Criminal Procedure had been applied. It would be important for the GMI to make it clear that the defector was an important case. Once this was accomplished a certain number of journalists would be willing to approach the GMI for more information and the latter could then offer to call a press conference, making it appear throughout that the conference was called because of demands on the part of the press. In any case there would be no need for the hard sell approach because the press has an inherent interest in such cases and would provide the necessary status themselves. The GMI being apolitical, there would be no tendency on the part of the press to suspect that someone was attempting to grind a political axe. In short, according to Dr. BRUECKNER's view, such a procedure would provide a legal basis for the entire affair and produce more effective propaganda results.												
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